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MEMORANDUM FOR: 
Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT : PSB D-21/2

The following corrigenda to the paper is submitted:

1. Section IV, under Contingency B, page 11, should more appropriately appear under Contingency A, inasmuch as this is a current task.

2. It might appear appropriate to make a provision for evacuation of key Berliners under one of the contingencies.

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ITEM 1

Berlin Supplement to the National Psychological Strategy
with Respect to Germany
(PSB D-21/2)

Summary: The Director, PSB, forwards to the Board for approval a plan for national psychological strategy with respect to Berlin. This paper supplements the Germany plan and supersedes the portions concerned with the situation in Berlin.

In paragraph 5, page 4, five possible contingencies are listed with the provision that except for contingency "A"—if Western access to Berlin is not seriously impeded—the actions are subject to modification as the contingencies arise. The Department of Defense may recommend the deletion of all action assignments to the tasks. The CIA staff believes this would considerably weaken the plan and that Defense objections could be met by a resolution, as was done for the France and Italy plans, that the actions listed are permissive rather than mandatory and are listed to assign responsibility and to guarantee integrated approach. As general guidance for operational planning, the tasks are by no means limited or exclusive.

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Recommendation: That you approve the Berlin Supplement to the Germany Plan.

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